for lumpsum payment of admissible prorata pension at the time of their absorption in Public Sector Undertakings is under consideration of the Government. The position regarding admissibility of CGHS facility for these absorbecs would be reviewed after a decision is taken in the matter of restoration of a portion of the commuted pension.

**पंचायत चुनावों के संबंध में याचिकाओं का शीघ्र निपटारा**

1881. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंचायतों एवं स्थानीय निकायों को सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए भारत सरकार ने पंचायती राज अधिनियम पारित किया है और उसमें यह प्रावधान किया है कि जब भी चुनावों के संबंध में कोई याचिका दायर की जाएगी, तो संबंधित अधिकारी को छः महीने के भीतर निर्णय देना होगा;

(ख) क्या देश भर में उपर्युक्त निर्णय का अक्षरशः कार्यान्वयन हो रहा है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके कार्यान्वयन के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं; और

(घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले में कितनी याचिकाएं मंडल-वार दायर की गई हैं तथा कितने मामलों को उप मंडल अधिकारी (सिविल) द्वारा निपटाया गया है एवं कितनी याचिकाएं किन-किन कारणों से लंबित है?

**ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री चंद्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा):** (क) संविधान (73वां संशोधन) अधिनियम, 1992 के अन्तर्गत पंचायत चुनावों से संबंधित याचिकाओं को छः महीने के अन्दर निपटाने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। हिमाचल प्रदेश पंचायती राज अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 167 के अन्तर्गत यह प्रावधान है कि पंचायत चुनावों से संबंधित प्रत्येक चुनाव याचिका पर इसके प्रस्तुतीकरण की तारीख से छः महीने के भीतर प्राधिकृत अधिकारी द्वारा निर्णय दे दिया जाना चाहिए।

(ख) और (ग) चूंकि यह राज्य का मामला है, इसलिए ग्रामीण क्षेत्र एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय द्वारा इसकी निगरानी नहीं की जाती है।

(घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सदन के सभापटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

**Re-Organisation of Central Ministries**

1882. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the suggestion made by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for re-organising the Central Ministries into eleven integrated ones; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Confederation of Indian Industry has proposed that the Central Ministries of the Government of India should be re-organised into following eleven Ministries:

1. Defence, Space and Atomic Energy
2. Energy (Power/Renewable energy/ oil/gas/Coal)
3. Environment (including Water, Urban Development, Wasteland Development)
4. External relations and International Trade (External Affairs & Commerce)
5. Finance, Planning & Programme Implementation
6. Food, Agriculture & Civil Supplies (Food Processing & Rural Development)
7. Home (including Personnel & State Coordination)
8. HRD (Labour, Education, Youth, Sports, Women, Culture, Health, Welfare)

9. Insdustry (Telecom. SSI, Electronics, Chemicals & Fertilisers, DHI, IPP, Mines)
10. Law Justice & Parliamentary Affairs
11. Transport (Ports/Roads/Railways/ Water Ways/Civil Aviation).

In this connection, it may be noted that Departments of the Government of India are created under the Govenrmcnt of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 for the convenient transaction of business of the Govenrment. Depending on the changes in the nature of Govenrment's business, policies, procedures and priorities, the Departments arc restructured/abolished/ created from time to time.

The process of the restructuring of Departments is an ongoing process and it takes into account the changing needs of the Government.

**Associated Gas for Rajasthan from the Gujarat Gas Grid**

1883. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any request for allotment of suitable portion of associated gas from the proposed gas grid in Gujarat to Rajasthan for development of industries in Siroli and Jalore districts;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Govenrment so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the current production of natural gas in the country as compared to production of CNG during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, year-wise, indicating the demand and supply of gas for Rajasthan during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan have asked for an allocation of 20 MMSCMD for power generation, fertiliser and methanol projects, LPG extraction, petrochemical projects and ceramic industries. The gas projected to be available along the HBJ pipeline is fully allocated and it is not feasible to consider additional allocation gas at present.

(d) The current production of natural gas in the country is around 63 MMSCMD. The production of CNG by GAIL in the last three years was as below:

| Year— | 1993-94 | 94-95 | 95-96 |
|---|---|---|---|
| MT— | 1024 | 1460 | 2595 |

The demand and supply of natural gas for Rajasthan during the above period was as below:

MMSCMD

| Annual | 1993-94 | 94-95 | 95-96 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anocation | 3.01 | 3.05 | 3.33 |
| Supply | 2.16 | 2.79 | 3.07 |

**Suspension of IAS Officers in DDA**

1884. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some IAS Officers on deputation in the DDA have been placed under suspension recently for their alleged misconduct in authoring newspaper articles, criticising the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale and justifications, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) An I.A.S. officer who was holding the post of Commissioner (System & Training) in the Delhi Development Authority has been placed under